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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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By Ms. Walz of Boston for the committee on Education, on House, No. 3457, a Resolve establishing a commission relative to an index of creative and innovative education in the (House, No. 4283).October 15, 2009.

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FOR THE COMMITTEE:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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## **RESOLVE** establishing a commission relative to an index of creative and innovative education in the Commonwealth

### **Resolved,**

1 There is hereby established a Special Commission to develop an Index of Creative and  
2 Innovative Education in the Commonwealth's Public Schools.

3 The commission membership shall include: 5 members to be appointed by the governor and who  
4 shall reside in different geographic regions of the commonwealth, 1 of whom shall be a  
5 representative of the Massachusetts Advocates for the Arts, Sciences and Humanities, 1 of whom  
6 shall be a representative of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a  
7 representative of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable; the commissioner of elementary and  
8 secondary education, or a designee; the secretary of housing and economic development, or a  
9 designee; the secretary of labor and workforce development, or a designee; 3 members to be  
10 appointed by the president of the senate and who shall reside in different geographic regions of  
11 the commonwealth; 3 members to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives  
12 and who shall reside in different geographic regions of the Commonwealth; and the executive  
13 director of the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Each of the members of the commission shall be  
14 an expert or have experience in the fields of education, public policy, artistic development,  
15 workforce development or cultural development. The members of the commission shall be  
16 appointed no later than 30 days after the effective date of this resolve.

17 In the course of its deliberations, the commission shall develop recommendations on how to  
18 produce and implement an Index of Creative and Innovative Education in the Commonwealth's  
19 Public Schools, what funding or finance measures the commonwealth would need to implement  
20 such an index, and any recommendation for inter-agency agreements, inter-municipal

21 agreements, or other cooperative agreements that would be required to foster creative and  
22 innovative education programs in the commonwealth's public schools. The index shall rate every  
23 public school in the commonwealth on teaching, encouraging, and fostering creativity in  
24 students. The index would be based in part on the creative opportunities in each school as  
25 measured by the availability of classes and before and after-school programs offered by and  
26 through school districts in the commonwealth that provide creative opportunities for students in  
27 the public schools of the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, arts education, debate  
28 clubs, science fairs, theatre performances, concerts, film-making, and independent research.

29 The commission may hold public hearings to assist in the collection and evaluation of data and  
30 testimony.

31 The commission shall complete a written report detailing any factors to be considered in an  
32 Index of Creative and Innovative Education in the Commonwealth's Public Schools and any  
33 financial measures that would be needed for implementation. The commission shall submit its  
34 report to the governor, the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the joint  
35 committee on tourism, arts and cultural development, and the joint committee on education no  
36 later than December 31, 2010.

37 Any research, analysis or other staff support that the commission reasonably requires shall be  
38 provided by the department of elementary and secondary education, the executive office of  
39 housing and economic development, and the executive office of labor and workforce  
40 development, in cooperation with the Massachusetts Cultural Council.